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TAGS: EAID, SWEL, LA

SUBJECT: LAO GOVERNMENT APPEAL FOR FLOOD AID

REF: VIENTIANE 0883

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

1. VIENTIANE'S DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS INVITED TO THE LAO FOREIGN MINISTRY AUGUST 21 TO HEAR A PRESENTATIO N BY ACTING MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SALY VONGKHAMSAO. SALY BEGAN BY THANKING ALL THOSE WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE LAO DROUGHT AID APPEAL AND THEN SAID THAT DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS THERE HAD BEEN A FLOOD DISASTER IN SOUTHERN LAOS (REFTEL). HE DESCRIBED THE PLACES WHICH HAD BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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AFFECTED AND SAID THAT THE GREATEST NEED WAS FOR RICE SEED. SALY GAVE NO DETAILS AS TO AMOUNTS OR TYPES OF SEED. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: THE LAO OBVIOUSLY STILL DO NOT KNOW THE EXTENT OF THE FLOOD DAMAGE OR WHAT EXACTLY WILL BE NEEDED TO RECTIFY IT. THE UNDP RESIDENT

REPRESENTATIVE TOLD US AFTER THE MEETING THAT HE HAD REQUESTED A VISIT BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE U.N. DISASTER RELIEF AGENCY (UNDRA) WHO HOPEFULLY WOULD BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH A MORE EXACT DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND AID NEED ESTIMATE. WE RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION OF ANY U.S. RESPONSE TO THIS AID APPEAL AWAIT THE ISSUANCE OF A UNDRA REPORT. END CONFIDENTIAL. ROBERTS

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